# May Update to Transportation Interim Committee

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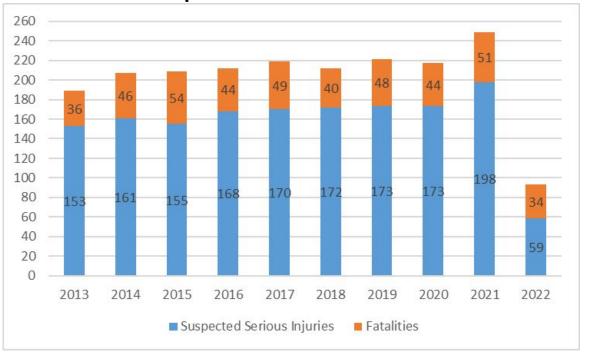


Statewide Fatalities & Suspected Serious Injuries





Statewide Active Transportation Fatalities & Serious Injuries



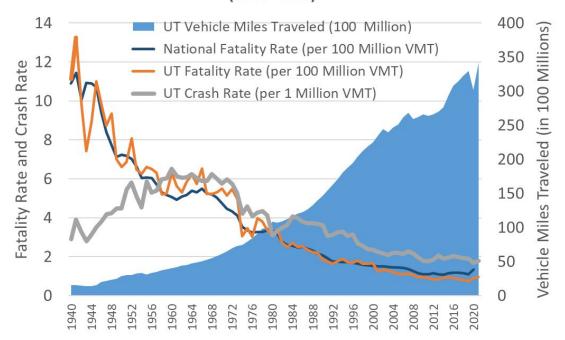


## Crash Type Hierarchy Chart (2010-2021)

Crash Type		Crashes
Rear-End	198,823	29.52%
Other	189,240	28.10%
Roadway Departure	108,775	16.15%
Left Turn at Intersection	87,669	13.02%
Mid-Block Urban	49,572	7.36%
Red Light Running	14,494	2.15%
Active Transportation	13,166	1.95%
Motorcycle Involved	6,831	1.01%
Rural Highway Crossover	3,951	0.59%
Wrong Way Driving	938	0.14%

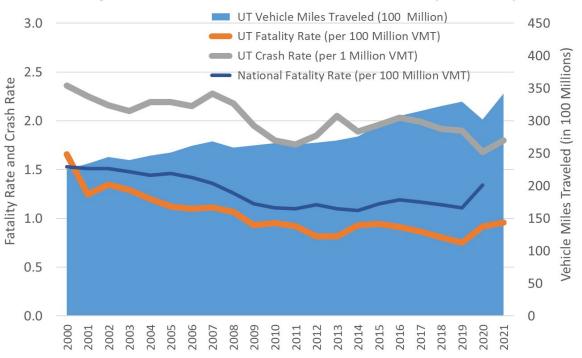


Fatality Rate and Crash Rate vs. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) (1940-2021)

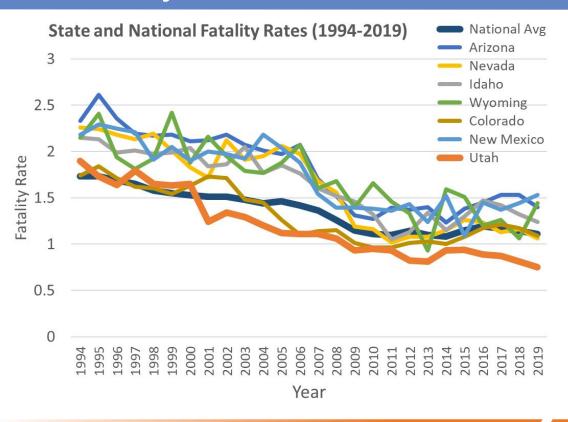














# Mountain View and Bangerter Highway

# USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy

## **USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy**

#### Six Principals to the Strategy

- Death/Serious injury is Unacceptable
- Humans Make Mistakes
- Humans are Vulnerable
- Responsibility is Shared
- Safety is Proactive
- Redundancy is Crucial



## **USDOT National Roadway Safety Strategy**

# 5 Key Focus Areas of the Safe Systems and Utah's Approach

- Safer People
- Safer Roads
- Safer Vehicles
- Safer Speeds
- Post Crash Care



- Average fatalities per year versus wrong way fatalities
- Average crashes per year versus average wrong way crashes

Year	Fatalities	Wrong Way Fatalities	Total Crashes	Wrong Way Crashes
2010	253	1	47,758	9
2011	243	3	46,396	20
2012	217	1	49,254	15
2013	220	0	55,463	11
2014	256	3	52,090	23
2015	278	4	57,526	19
2016	281	2	62,363	27
2017	273	0	62,855	13
2018	260	3	62,073	28
2019	248	1	62,411	22
2020	276	7	50,605	42
2021	328	5	61,457	25
Average	261.1	2.5 (1.0%)	55,854	21.2 (0.04%)
2022	99	5 (5.1%)	19,752	14 (0.07%)



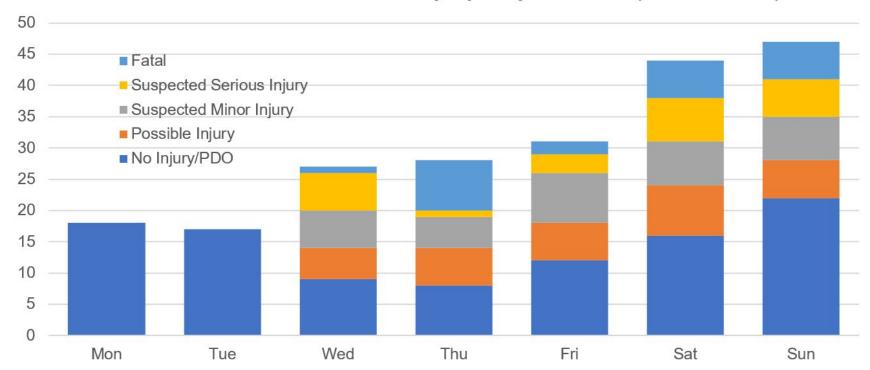
13% of Wrong Way Crashes are Fatal

Other fatal crash type %'s

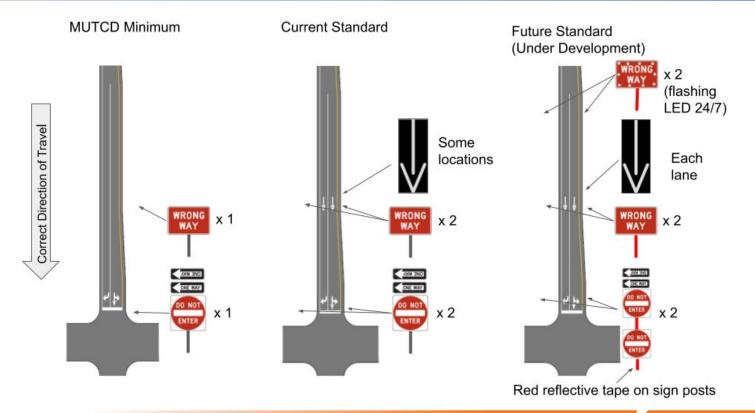
- 0.26% of Intersection Crashes
- 0.50% of Red Light Running
- 1.05% of Roadway Departure
- 3.70% of DUI
- 4.95% of Pedestrian



Total Crashes & Crash Severity by Day of Week (2010 - 2022)









# Wrong Way Driving Sensors

# **FLIR Thermal Imaging Sensors**

- Present on 42 off ramps throughout the state
- Uses thermal energy emitted from vehicles and bicyclists
- Utah wrong-way detection system \$16,000 per site

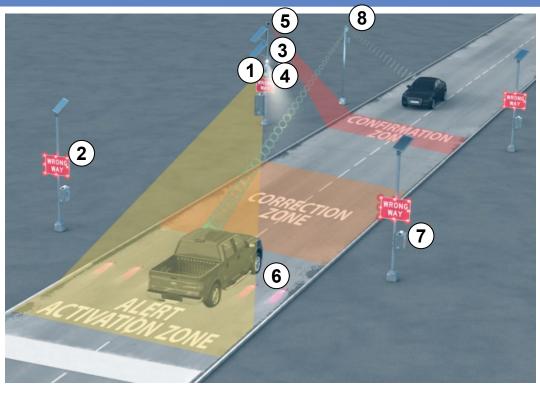


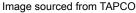


# Wrong Way Driving - Sensors Next Generation

# Alternative Wrong-Way Driving System

- 1. Activation sensors
- 2. Warning alerts
- 3. LED Illuminators for night images
- 4. HD Cameras capture images
- Confirmation Sensors
- 6. Passive Markings
- 7. Software sends real-time verification of system activation
- 8. Future connected vehicle interface







#### Other States' Efforts

- Arizona, California, Ohio, Texas & Florida
  - Installing new, oversized wrong-way signage (AZ,CA)
  - Lowering the wrong-way signage height from 7 feet to 3 feet (AZ,CA)
  - Installing red retro-reflective striping on signposts (AZ,FL)
  - Adding white pavement arrows pointing in the correct direction of travel (AZ,FL)
  - Adding LED illuminated WRONG WAY signs (FL, TX)
  - Adding in-pavement LED systems (CA)
  - Installing wrong way driving alert systems to detect, trigger lights, notify officials, and alert other drivers (AZ,FL,OH,TX)



#### UDOT/DPS Wrong Way Driving Working Group

- Coordination and review of crash records and data definitions
- Field off ramp review
- Review of design standards
- Exploration of enforcement practices

#### **UDOT Technical Assessment Team**

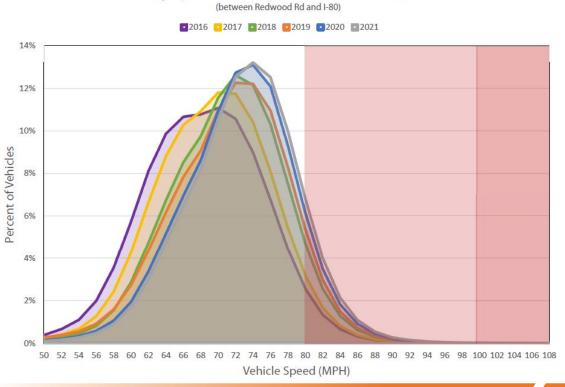
 Quick response team focused on identifying best available wrong way driving detection system



# Speeding & Aggressive Driving

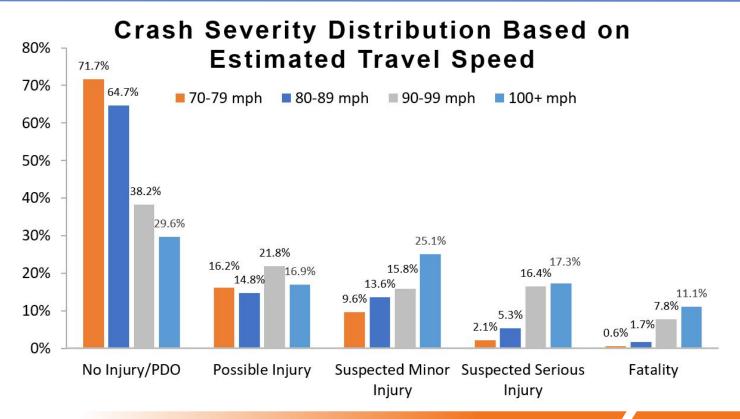
# **Speeding & Aggressive Driving**

Freeway Speed Distributions 2016 - 2021 on I-215





# Speeding & Aggressive Driving

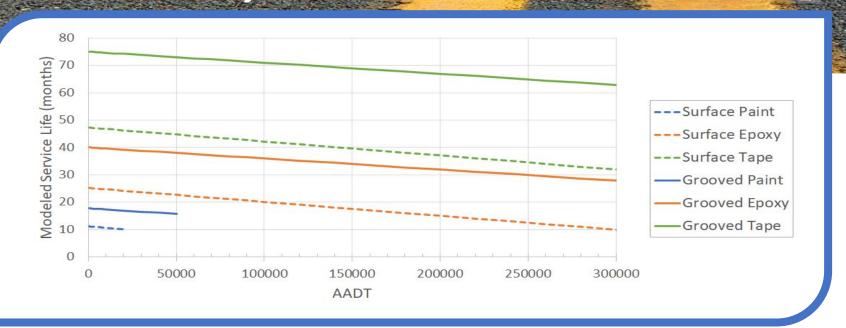




# Pavement Markings

Striping degrades faster than replacement cycle.

Research demonstrates that waterborne paint service life is less than **one year.** 





# Freeway Enhancement Project

#### Current project

- \$26m programmed
- I-15 MP 249.9-279
- ~30 miles in Utah County

Next corridors Urban Interstate (AADT>30,000)

I-215

I-80

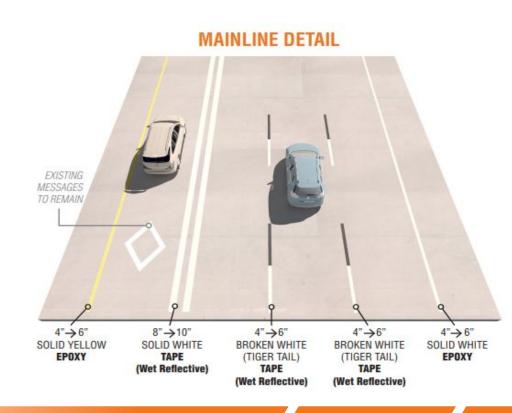
I-84

SR-201

SR-154

2022 Session Line Item Transfer:

\$6m moved from Highway Systems to Operations





#### National Research - I-84 Eastbound in Tremonton

32 pavement markings being evaluated

16 on asphalt and 16 on concrete surfaces

12 different products manufacturers installed multiple pavement marking products on approximately 850 lines of striping





# Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety

## **Speed Considerations**



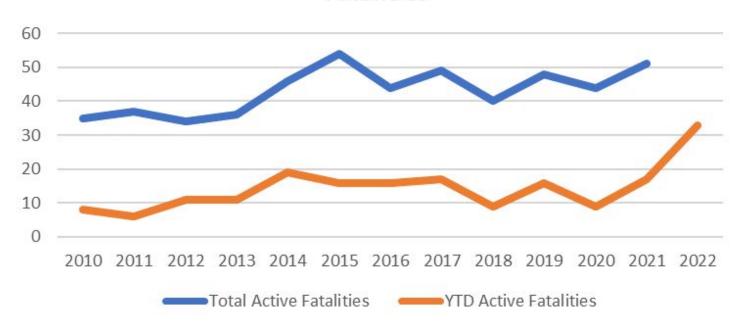
Vehicle Speed comparison to chance of Pedestrian Injury and Fatality

Data source: US Department of Transportation, Literature Reviewed on Vehicle Travel Speeds and Pedestrian Injuries. March 2000.

Image credit: San Francisco MTA Vision Zero Action Plan, February 2015: https://view.joomag.com/vision-zero-san-francisco/0685197001423594455?short

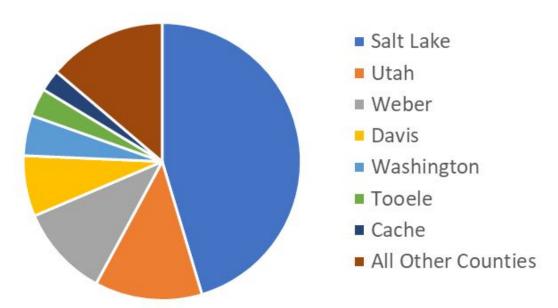


# Total and YTD Active Transportation Related Fatalities





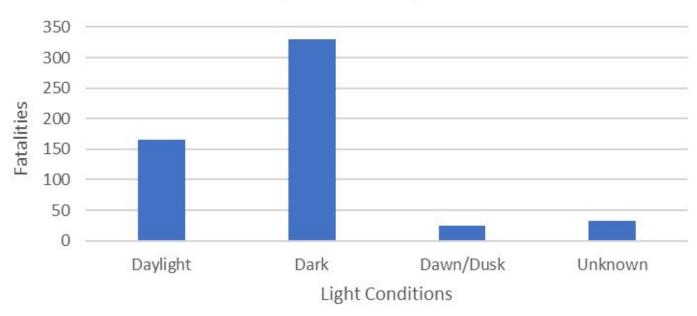
Active Transportation Relate Fatalities by County (2010-Present)





#### **Light Conditions**

Total Active Transportation Related Fatalities (2010-2022)





Location of Person

Total Active Transportation Related Fatalities by Ped/Bike Location (2010-2022)



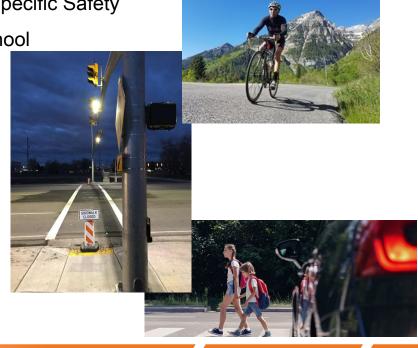


#### Efforts Underway

15% funding of HSIP for Pedestrian and Bike Specific Safety

50% increase in funding for Safe Routes to School

- Behavioral Education
  - Safe Routes Utah
  - Zero Fatalities
- System Analysis
- Under Mast Arm Lighting
- Signal Timing for Pedestrians
- Work Zone standards for peds and bicyclists



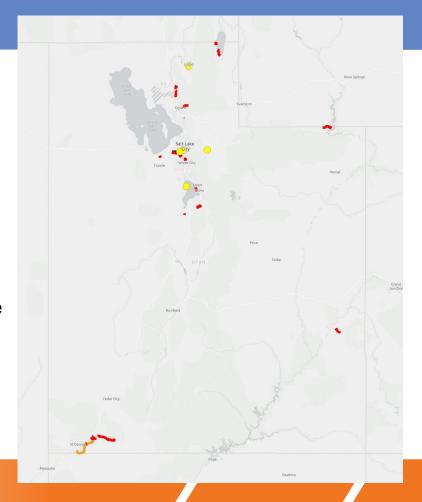


2022 Session Funding

HB3 and HB409

\$40m for Active Transportation

9 regionally important projects across the state will be programmed by Transportation Commission in May

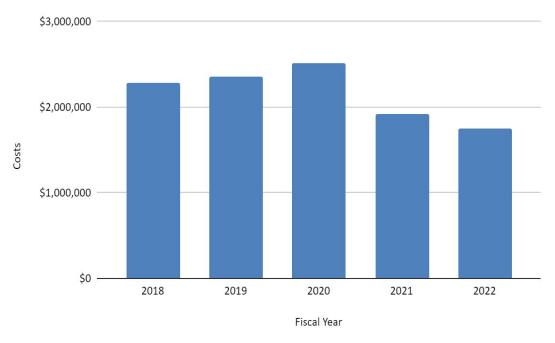




# Litter on Utah Roadways

### **UDOT Litter Program**

#### **Annual Litter Control Costs**



#### Annual Average Cost (5 year average)

\$2,162,253

#### Costs include

- Contractors and state forces
- Carcass Removal Contracts

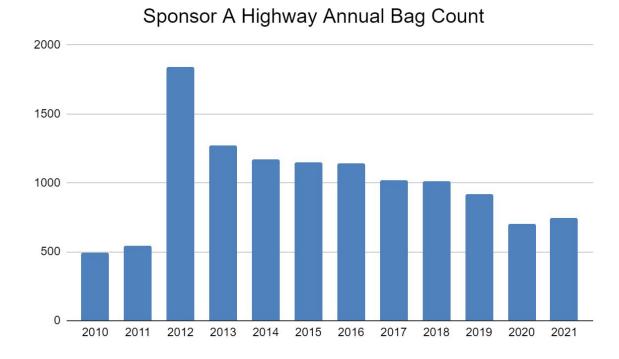


## Sponsor a Highway

Used for Interstate Routes where safety of citizen groups is a concern

Funding provided by private businesses

No-cost to the state





### Litter Program

Community group requests for one time pickup

A wide variety of groups volunteer to perform litter pickups; churches, rotary clubs, unions, city employees, schools, etc.

Recently, we've allowed groups to sign up online for these pickups

We have had 6 signups in the last 3 weeks ranging from 10 people to 125 people





# **Impaired Driving**

